

2024 — FACT — SHEET

Our Vision

Agricultural education envisions a world where all people value and understand the vital role of agriculture and natural resources in advancing personal and global well-being.

Student Involvement in School-based Agricultural Education:

- Correlates to academic success through involvement in organizations like FFA.
- Parallels with higher career readiness among students.
- Connects with definite career plans after high school.
- Encourages a desire to participate in agriculture as they enter their careers.

SUCCESS STARTS HERE



CLASSROOM / LABORATORY

Through classroom / laboratory instruction, agricultural education students use unique problem-solving skills.



SUPERVISED AGRICULTURAL EXPERIENCE

Ag education students gain hands-on experience outside the classroom through their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE).



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Leadership development activities through involvement in FFA, PAS, Young Farmers/Young Farm Wives and MVATA promote personal skill development.



DID YOU KNOW?

Missouri agriculture contributes **\$93.7** billion annually to the state's economy, accounting for **456,618** jobs.

Up Close

362

Missouri high schools and career centers offering agriculture classes.

Students enrolled in Missouri agricultural education programs in 2022-23 school year.

30,620

5,243

High school agricultural education graduates in 2022.



CLASSROOM / LABORATORY

Students explore natural and social sciences, entrepreneurship and other careers through a:

- Classroom
- Greenhouse
- Laboratory
- Outdoor Setting



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Organizations like FFA help prepare students for career success through agricultural education by ensuring members are career-ready when they graduate high school.



SUPERVISED AGRICULTURAL EXPERIENCE (SAE)

SAEs enhance student experience and allow for classroom application.

Personalized learning, SAEs are unique to each student and based on career interests and aspirations.

Explore Careers

Refine Career Choices

Meet Real-World
Career Expectations

Develop Specific Skills
for success in the ag industry



2023 ECONOMIC IMPACT:

\$67,328,443 statewide SAE generated net income

\$3,589 SAE net income per student

Graduate Placement:*

93% of Missouri high school ag education graduates were placed in some way after high school.

55% Continuing Education

36% Employed

2% Military

* Based on 2022 data, the most recent available.



AGRICULTURAL PATHWAYS

AGRIBUSINESS

AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS

ANIMAL SCIENCES

FOOD SCIENCE AND SAFETY

NATURAL RESOURCES

PLANT SCIENCES

MISSOURI'S TOP 5 SAEs

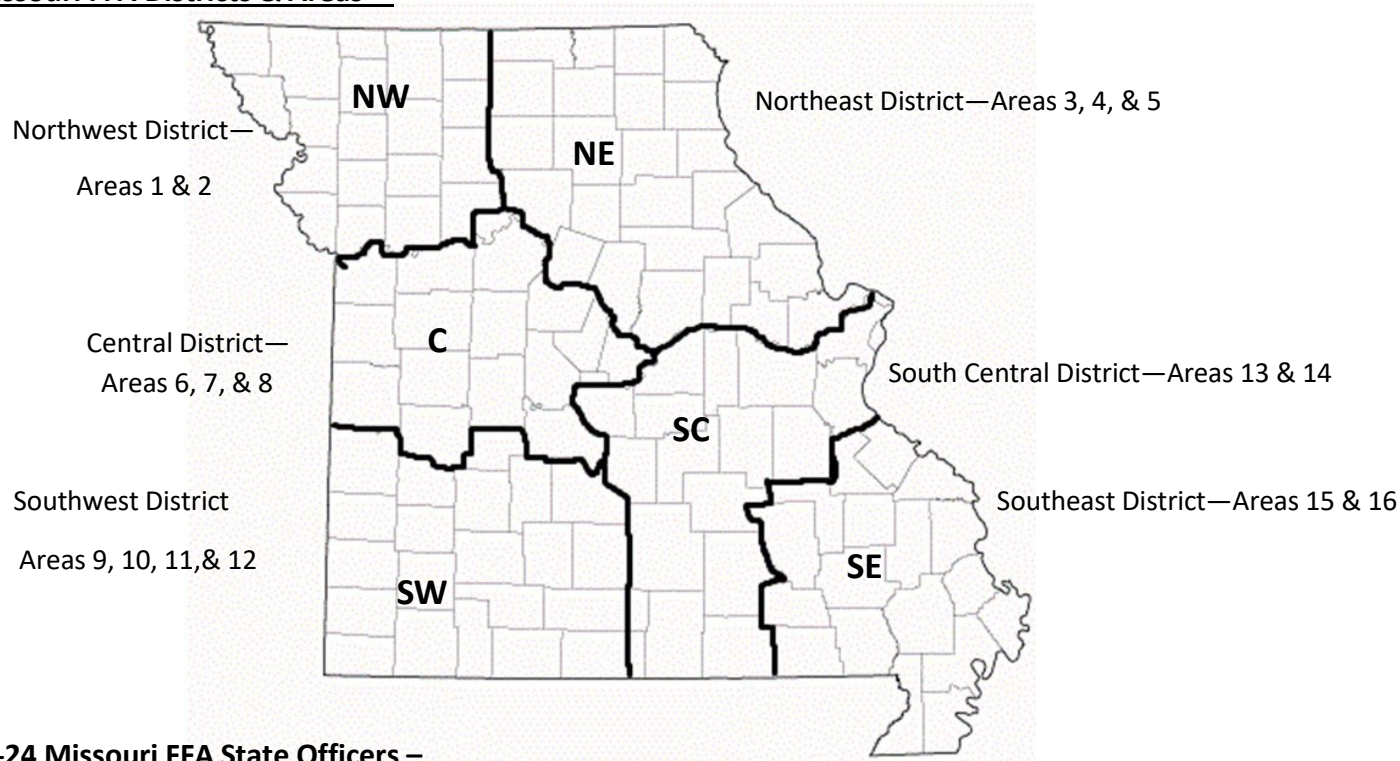
1. Placement / Food Production Systems
2. Placement / Animal Systems
3. Placement / Agribusiness Systems
4. Beef Entrepreneurship
5. Placement / Power Structures & Technology

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Missouri FFA & Agricultural Education Facts

2024 FFA Knowledge LDE Resource

Missouri FFA Districts & Areas –



2023-24 Missouri FFA State Officers –

President – Sam Tummons, Columbia

1st Vice President – Owen Neely, Lockwood

Secretary – Karson Calvin, Troy

Vice President – Lynn Dyer, Higginsville

Vice President – Noah Graham, Clearwater

Vice President – Isabella Hamner, Camdenton

Vice President – Wyatt Hendley, Bloomfield

Vice President – Jaden Kultgen, Mt. Vernon

Vice President – Kiley Mattson, Stanberry

Vice President – Colin McIntyre, Belton

Vice President – Kelsey Miller, Warrenton

Vice President – Caleb Simpson, Bolivar

Vice President – Maggie Stark, Adrian

Vice President – Gabriel Todd, Norwood

Vice President – Claire Walker, Chillicothe

Vice President – Lilly Weber, Lamar

State Officer Mentor – Jacob King, Dadeville

2023-24 Missouri Agricultural Education & FFA State Staff –

Keith Dietzschold - Director of Agricultural Education/State FFA Advisor

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Lisa Evans - Central District Supervisor

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Jim Spencer Jr. - SW District Supervisor



Missouri FFA Demographics –

Agricultural Education Enrollment – 30,620

Number of FFA Chapters – 362

2022-23 State FFA Membership – 26,830

Missouri FFA Leadership Events –



Greenhand Motivational Conferences (GMC) – Held annually in January, State FFA Officers educate and motivate new FFA members to become active in the organization and set personal goals during this conference.

State FFA Convention – Held annually in Columbia during April, State FFA Convention provides an opportunity for members to gain leadership skills, compete in Career Development Events and Leadership Development Events, explore careers and educational opportunities, and receive recognition for personal and chapter achievements.

LEAD (Lead, Educate, Advance, Develop) Conference for Chapter Officers – Held each May at various locations across the state, the LEAD Conference prepares chapter officer teams for their year of service through team building activities, POA planning, and developing a chapter recruitment plan.

Public Speaking Academy (PSA) – Each June, FFA members can participate in this three-day event designed for speakers of all experience levels. Each student develops and presents their speech on an agricultural topic.

State FFA Leadership Camp – Held each summer for six weeks at Camp Rising Sun on the Lake of the Ozarks, State FFA Leadership Camp provide members with opportunities for personal leadership development, interaction with State FFA Officers and other members, and recreational activities.

Area Officer Institute (AOI) – Each June, Area FFA Officer teams are invited to participate in AOI to develop team goals, establish officer responsibilities and gain valuable experience needed for success as Area Officers.

HYMAX Academy – Helping Youth Maximize Agricultural eXperiences, HYMAX was established as a tribute to long-time State FFA Advisor, Dr. Terry Heiman. HYMAX attendees are Greenhands (100 strong) who gain experience in developing an agriculture advocacy plan, tour unique agricultural operations, and develop friendships with other members.

HYPE Academy – Helping Youth Prepare for Excellence, HYPE was established in partnership with the Missouri Corn Growers to give students hands-on experiences in communicating and advocating for the agricultural industry. Thirty (30) incoming seniors will leave with tools to help others tell the agriculture story!

Public Speaking Institute (PSI) – Two weekends in January there is a one day institute that targets freshmen through seniors to improve their public speaking skills. Attendees gain knowledge in FFA speaking CDE's, tips on advocating for agriculture, and the essentials to better verbal communication.

Food Insecurity Day at the State Fair – In 2023, 700+ MO FFA members packed 160,000 meals. This State Day of Service event was one piece of the Drive to Feed Kids (DTFK) Program in partnership with MO Farmers Care, MO State Fair, MO Department of Agriculture, MO 4-H and other agricultural organizations across Missouri. The purpose of DTFK is to assist those in need and bring awareness to food insecurity in Missouri where it is estimated in rural Missouri, as many as one in five people face food insecurity and in parts of Missouri, one in three children face food insecurity on a regular basis.